

WEEK *in* REVIEW

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EDUCATION & LABOR COMMITTEE



PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Chairman Sablan during Thursday's Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Secondary and Elementary Education virtual hearing on reopening schools.

IN THE NEWS

ABC NEWS: Majority of public schools have physical barriers that limit access for people with disabilities: Report

ASSOCIATED PRESS: Democrats Say White House Blocking CDC Head From Testifying

EDUCATION WEEK: Education Department Restricts Puerto Rico's Access to COVID-19 School Aid

NEW YORK TIMES: End of \$600 Unemployment Bonus Could Push Millions Past the Brink

WASHINGTON POST: Investment in child care can't wait until there's a coronavirus vaccine

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

PRESS CALL: On Tuesday, Chairman Scott, Rep. Shalala, Rep. Hayes and a Florida educator led a press call to discuss schools reopening in the fall. The call highlighted the need for significant and immediate federal investment in education to ensure schools can follow the safety guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and local public health officials. Read more [here](#).

HEARING: On Thursday, the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education held a virtual hearing to examine how to reopen schools safely. The hearing featured expert testimony from a superintendent of a large school district, the president of the National Parent Teacher Association (PTA), and a pediatrician who specializes in infectious diseases. Watch [here](#).

REPORT: On Friday, the Committee held a virtual briefing for the House to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The briefing elevated a new Government Accountability Office (GAO) report, which found that a vast majority of schools – almost 70 percent – have physical barriers that would limit access for individuals with disabilities. Read more [here](#).

BRIEFING: On Friday, the Committee held a virtual Member briefing to examine the impact of COVID-19 on the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) and tribally controlled schools and how the federal government has failed to serve Native students. Watch [here](#).

TWEETS

@EDLABORCMTE: The @USDOL must enforce the #FamiliesFirst Act's paid leave provision so workers do not need to choose between their paycheck, their health, and the health of those around them.

@EDLABORCMTE: #COVID19 has further exacerbated inequity as schools. Without a strong federal response the achievement gaps will grow even wider. The next coronavirus relief package MUST sufficiently fund schools so they can reopen safely and provide students the education they deserve.

@EDLABORCMTE: The extra \$600 a week in unemployment benefits is a lifeline for workers, their families, and the economy, but they are set to expire on July 25. This would be disastrous for millions of Americans. Congress MUST #extendUI benefits.